

CVPIA Program Activity Review

Working Group Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2006

Ground Rules

The Working Group reviewed and reaffirmed their agreement on ground rules.

Purpose Statement Review

Action Item: Jeff Phipps will provide the latest revisions to the purpose statement to update slide presented during Monday's Working Group.

Roundtable Review

Discussion: All presentations were excellent. Members of the Working Group would have liked to see a larger and more diverse representation of agencies and environmental groups beyond stakeholders who already attend the Working Group.

Agreement: Suggested areas for improvement

- Presenting slides with fewer details

- Send notices out farther in advance and reminders just prior to the Roundtable

- Schedule Roundtable to avoid scheduling conflicts with other activities as much as possible

Action Items:

- Solicit support from environmental groups to engage participants
- Presentations to be made available for those who could not attend
- Attach informational materials to meeting notes

Congressional Hearing Update

The Working Group has been informed that the Congressional hearings are unrelated to CVPIA PAR. Stakeholders continued to express concern that testimony at the hearing should not derail the CVPIA PAR process. Some members of the Working Group have agreed to testify. Others have been asked and declined.

Working Group Process status

The Working Group will complete as much of the Matrix as possible on the Act level and program level by end of March. The work to be done in April will focus on program activities and refining performance goals. Completing performance goals in April for all 38 programs will likely not be possible. Setting some performance goals will continue beyond July.

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Program Activity Review

Shana provided the Working Group the first draft of the PAR schedule of work, including tasks, timeframes, tentative Working Group and subgroup meeting dates, through completion of the final report from Reclamation.

Question: What is the expectation for the deliverable?

Creating a complete, credible, vetted, transparent, and real metric for all programs will require more time beyond the July deadline. The report prepared by July will be an update on the progress to date with specific reference to information still needed.

Matrix Overview

- Provisions to be reviewed on Monday are highlighted in orange.
- All the language on program level is from program managers.

Agreement: The Working Group needs to indicate linkages between programs.

Matrix Questions and Comments

Tracy b(4)

- Multiple targets are needed when interpreting Act
- OCAP linkage to outcomes provides guidance for mitigation
- Is COA relevant?
- Why are outcome purposes different at Act and Program level?
- Is reliability a purpose/benefit specified in the Act?
- Is it a secondary benefit? Metric should focus on primary benefit.
- How do we distinguish addressing primary and secondary benefits?
- Outcomes as distinct from secondary benefits.
- CALFED objectives need to be included. Describe linkage to CALFED and/or as a barrier.
- Act doesn't specify actions
- Metric column needs to include "practices"

b(5) CCWD

- Since b(5) is included in the OCAP, there is guidance in implementation for Contra Costa, according to the biological opinion.
- Funding is available for mitigation
- Are there specific fishery and habitat goals that may feed into outcome?
- The Act doesn't direct specific implementation
- Compliance as an outcome is a secondary benefit - not primary purpose for developing the metric
- Agencies may have additional outcomes beyond what the Act says

b(10) Red Bluff

- What's happening at the program level for refuge supply?
- Use care to demonstrate Act direction when discussing programs
- Interim measures are operational as well as construction

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- Show linkage to supply reliability – secondary benefit?
- How does the Working Group deal with overlays of other actions? (OCAP, COA, etc)
- “Expected” and “Actual” are common expectations for reporting results

b(21) AFSP

- Study hasn’t been able to get any on-the-ground testing
- Is there a State of California plan/template for success?
- How does the program interpret “assist the state?”
- What are the CALFED linkages for funding?
- Note that state program predated CVPIA- highlight accomplishments
- Program has not filled in outcomes when they don’t exist at Act level.
- Change AFRP Activity description – delete and note AFRP in linkage column

B(1) other

- Need to add description of effort to define goals and targets
- Linkages – be explicit - Conservation Program and others
- Purpose is not to de-list species - it is to complement other programs
- Has b(1) other been used to fund anything on the Trinity? Is that a linkage?
- Why remove SJRRR program if it’s funded under b(1). Make sure the linkage is clear [It is in c(1).]

Land Retirement 3408 (h)

- Act sets two targets: either 75K acres or lands not suitable for farming
- Land retirement demonstration – is there a specific plan to reference?
- Add notes about where metrics come from (e.g. EPA drinking water standards)
- Act doesn’t specify implementation actions
- Targets – no target for the other lands to be acquired [be in the law]
- Purpose – should be water supply not conservation
- Change “Reduce Ag Drainage” to “Reduce contamination in Ag drainage”

Coleman b(11)

- Add/refine outcomes to note the goal as reducing diseases
- Simplify Program level outcomes and metrics
- Differentiate purposes – SDP and Fish Trap for hatchery fish and third action is for natural fish
- Clarify and confirm planned completion and actual completion

Delta Cross Channel

- No program contact at agencies
- What is the State doing?
- Overall question - when do we want state input to these programs?

Trinity b(23)

- Act timeframes may need to be refined
- Hoopa Valley Tribe – how do we get involved?

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- What is AEAM plan? Is it available?
- What is origin of program timeframes?
- Include the dates from the ROD
- Trinity River has unique legal setting
- CVPIA provision is designed to comply with 1955 trust responsibilities
- Description of Act activities should also include “operating criteria and procedures”
- Program timeline should include ROD schedule
- Act defines metric for fish/harvest opportunities PL-98-541
- Need to get Trinity people in the same room to resolve framework for Trinity
- Make definitions /review consistent with how Working Group is reviewing program activities

Old River Barrier

- Output and Outcome metrics are jumbled
- Act language refers to CALFED and supporting laws – not appropriate – not in coordination with state and locals
- Outcome metric – is clear in Act – increase survival of young salmon and ability divert water
- Jumped to DO – what is logical?
- Is this a secondary benefit or does DO affect survivability?

Action Items

Talking points are incomplete

All previous incomplete action items will be reviewed at March 28 meeting

Action: Tuesday, March 25 at 9:25 am, (prior to Monday’s meeting) Reclamation will be taking photos of new stakeholders attending Working Group meetings.

Action: Participants who listened in via conference phone had difficulty hearing the Working Group. The Working Group restated the need to be present for meetings and will provide schedule when specific program activities will be presented for discussion.

Working Group Meeting Schedule

Monday, April 3	10 am to 4 pm
Thursday, April 13	10 am to 4 pm
Monday, April 17	10 am to 4 pm
Tuesday, April 25	10 am to 4 pm

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